

THE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

IS EXPECTING TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS.

A British Columbia Team Trying to Make Arrangements for a Trip to Honolulu.

I conversation with some of the members of the Hawaiian Rifle Association this morning, a STAR reporter learned that the prospects are good for a visit to Honolulu of a rifle team from Vancouver. The Canadian Government allows a certain sum of money per annum to the various rifle associations for traveling expenses to the various points selected for the annual shoots, Ottawa or Montreal for example. With the permission of the Canadian Government it is proposed to use the money next year in coming to Honolulu instead of going to Ottawa, and from the known liberality of the Canadian Government in such matters and its desire to foster trade and intercourse with these Islands there is but doubt that the desired permission will be granted. If so, the Vancouver team will make the round trip on one of the Canadian-Australian steamers, stopping in Honolulu while the steamer goes to Sydney and back. The visiting team will consist of fifteen or twenty of their best marksmen, but probably only twelve will participate in the matches, as that number is about all the local association would care to put forward in an international match. While here the visitors will be the guests of the Hawaiian Rifle Association. The visitors will shoot at 200, 400, 500 and 600 yard ranges in the international match, but numerous matches both at short and long ranges will be gotten up during their stay. Should they come it will necessitate the erection of more short-range bulkheads at the association's grounds.

The long-range bulkheads have just been thoroughly overhauled in anticipation of the practice to be done between now and January 1st, at which time the semi-annual shooting for the association trophies takes place.

SOME ABSURD QUESTIONS.

A Sample of Those Asked the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Much of Commissioner Marsden's time is taken up in answering all sorts of absurd questions asked by intending immigrants to these Islands. That he faithfully answers every communication sent him on such subjects speaks well for him, as under ordinary circumstances they would find their way to the waste-paper basket. Take the following thirteen questions for instance:

1. How many acres of land can a person take up, if any, in Honolulu, and cost per acre?
2. About what would it cost to fence it with barbed wire, posts 16 1/2 feet apart, four strands of wire?
3. Is the land there timbered?
4. Is coffee a profitable crop to raise and what insects, if any, would I have to contend with?
5. Can Irish potatoes and all kinds of vegetables be raised?
6. While waiting for coffee plants to come in bearing, could I make enough to live on by raising vegetables for the market?
7. What can a good team of Norman horses be bought for?
8. What is lumber per thousand, fair quality?
9. What are the taxes?
10. Can wheat and timber be raised, also oats?
11. What are Holstein cows per head?
12. Is poultry profitable to raise?
13. What time of the year is best for planting and putting up buildings and for me to come to Honolulu?

When it is considered that these questions are all asked by one man, who thinks of coming here from Denver, Colorado, and going into the coffee business, and that this is only a sample of hundreds of it will be readily seen that the office of Commissioner of Agriculture is no sinecure. The reader will doubtless wonder with the writer what is wanted of Norman horses and Holstein cows on a coffee plantation.

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES.

Judge Whiting Grants Two Divorces—A Jury Disagrees.

In the Circuit Court, Judge Cooper's department, yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of S. W. Mahelona, charged with the unlawful possession of opium, disagreed and were discharged.

At this morning's session the case of Cio H. Newton et al. vs. S. Kaale et al. was set for the 15th, to be tried before Judge Whiting and a jury.

In the libel suit of C. A. Brown vs. Bulletin Publishing Company, Attorney Hatch for the plaintiff offered to file an amended complaint against the objections of C. W. Ashford for the defendant. The matter was argued and taken under advisement by Judge Cooper.

In the case of Luisa Rodriguez vs. Domingo Lopez the demurrer of defendant was argued and overruled and an exception to the ruling taken.

In Judge Whiting's department Nui (w) was granted a divorce from Keoni Ahinaka on the ground of adultery. Kinney for plaintiff.

In the case of Sarah Elizabeth Gertz

vs. F. Gertz a divorce was also granted the plaintiff on the ground of the habitual drunkenness of the defendant.

In the matter of the estate of Charlotte Adams a notice of appeal on the part of some of the heirs has been filed to the order granting letters of administration, and a bond for costs filed. A motion has also been filed for the trial of the issues of fact before a jury.

WONG'S CROSS WAS HEAVY.

A Chinaman's Unsuccessful Attempt at Suicide.

Wong See's cross became too heavy for him this morning so he went down to the boat landing and attempted to drown himself and his cares at one and the same time in the bay, which as Wong now understands is a very poor place, especially when there are so many lynx-eyed policemen around, and so many boat boys intent on earning a quarter, that they cannot let a poor grief-stricken celestial end his days.

Wong went quietly to the boat landing about 11 A. M. and stepped into a boat, and a minute later an officer noticed a pair of overalls disappearing over the stern of the boat, and called the attention of the boat boys to the fact that some one was taking a bath with his clothes on. By that time the Chinaman's head appeared and it became evident that he was trying to drown himself.

An officer and a boat boy jumped into a boat and succeeded in hauling poor Wong from his intended watery grave. An officer whose wit betrays his nationality remarked that the reason the suicide was a failure was because Wong was new at the business, never having drowned himself before.

Wong See was locked up till his fit of despondency is cured, when he will be allowed to go in peace.

DISTRICT COURT NOTES.

Fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for Dealing in Opium.

At this morning's session at the suggestion of the Deputy Attorney-General the Court struck from the calendar the murder charge against Liung Yau, who recently committed suicide.

O. Schussler, convicted of assault and battery on Frank Langhammer, was fined \$10 and costs and ordered to furnish a bond in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace towards everybody and especially the said Langhammer for six months to come.

Ah Tong alias Chow Choy had the charge against him of smuggling opium nolle prosequi on condition that he plead guilty to having opium unlawfully in his possession. This he did, and was rewarded with a fine of \$250 and costs.

Supreme Court Decision.

The Supreme Court has rendered its decision in the case of P. G. Camarinos vs. John Kidwell that on a motion for a rehearing it appearing that the Court had before it an account sales which was not before the jury, and on production of the account sales which it had produced before the jury, it appearing that they did not alter the situation of the case, the Court declined to grant the motion.

MCDOWELL'S BONDSMEN.

Sued for Wages by One of His Workmen.

Captain A. McDowell and his bondsmen, W. H. Smith, A. Cockburn, F. W. Wilson and T. Lindsay, are defendants in a suit brought against them by W. Dixon, one of the men employed by McDowell in his efforts to float the Miowera, and which was on trial this afternoon in the District Court. As the STAR goes to press Attorney Kinney was dragging out of Mr. McDowell a detailed statement of his transactions and promises in connection with the affair. The amount of Dixon's claim is \$60.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

Brooklyn has 90,000 trees. There are 6000 lighthouses. Buckwheat is of Siberian origin.

Paris claims to be the richest municipal city in the world.

Americans take out more patents than the rest of the world.

There are 1,000,000 more men than women in this country.

Electricity takes its name from the Greek "electron," amber.

There are about 20,000 proverbs in use among the nations of Europe.

Herodotus says that Cressus was the first sovereign to make coins of gold.

Instead of jaws the butterfly has a curled proboscis like that of an elephant.

In Blackstone's times 150 offenses were punishable in England by death.

In 1891 one-sixth of the families in London were living in single rooms.

In 1683 the city of Philadelphia "consisted of three or four little cottages."

The population of Ireland in 1841 was 8,196,597. Now it is a little over 5,000,000.

London's last census, taken in 1891, gave the metropolis a population of 4,231,421.

At the present rate of increase there will be 190,000,000 people in the United States in fifty years.

What is known to-day as the Dominion of Canada and the entire territory of the "Louisiana purchase" were original French colonies.

"Valkyrie" is pronounced as if it were spelled Valkyri. The accent falls on the second syllable, which is given the short sound of i as in wit.

Most of the paper used for books nowadays will not last 300 years. There is great danger, therefore, that the literature of the present day will perish from the earth.

LAST NIGHT'S RAINFALL.

FULL REPORTS OF ITS EXTENT NOT AT HAND.

The Rainfall for the Month of October on the Other Islands—High Barometer Last Week.

There was a driving rainstorm last night from clouds that cracked with lightning and boomed with thunder. The water fell in sheets and electricity ran about in a way that made the telephones unsafe and sent timid people under the bed.

The following reports of the rainfall are from the Weather Bureau: Honolulu—Town, 1.29 inches; Nuuanu avenue, 1.19; Wylie street, 1.65; Electric-light station, 1.30; Punahou, 1.84; Plains, 1.31; Kapiolani park, 2.45. The storm worked from the west overhead, where a thirty-mile westerly wind probably prevailed, while merely light northerly and northeasterly airs were all that were perceptible below.

From the same source of authority the STAR is enabled to give some information regarding the rainfall on the other islands during the month of October.

Reports from Kailua in the Kona district of Hawaii, show the month just past to be the rainiest October known in fifteen years, during all of which period a complete record has been kept. The total fall for the month was 9 1/2 inches at Kailua, while at Hanalei it was only 1 inch.

On the island of Kauai there were moderate rains during October, with reports of 7 inches at Kilauea, 4 1/2 inches at Lihue and 12 inches at Hanalei.

On Maui it rained about an inch, except at Kahului where none fell.

Mr. Lyons predicts that the present unsettled state of the weather will continue for three or four days, with more rain, and that another atmospheric disturbance, resulting either in a wind or rain storm, will occur between the 17th and 20th of the present month. He bases the latter prediction on observations of a similar period in the last four months.

Another noteworthy fact in connection with the present storm is the barometer. It was rising last night throughout the storm, while its general average for the past week was the highest ever known for the same period.

Thrum's Annual.

The coming Hawaiian Annual will not be behind its predecessors in articles of timely interest, as in addition to its revised and extended statistical features will be the following valuable papers, viz: The Constitutional History of the Hawaiian Kingdom, as prepared by Professor W. D. Alexander at request of J. H. Blount; Features of Hawaiian Climate, by C. J. Lyons, Esq.; Fifty Years of Commercial Progress and Status in Hawaii, by W. H. Wright, Esq.; Hawaiian Water Rights, by Mrs. Nakuina, Commissioner for Kona, Oahu; Island Coasters—a reminiscence by Hon. G. D. Gilman; Hawaiian Humor, by W. R. Castle Esq.; Bureau of Forestry and Agriculture and an Outline of its Beneficent Work, by Hon. Jos. Marsden; together with Retrospect of the Year and other articles; Revised Tariff, List of Plantations, and Register by the Editor. A few other articles were planned for, but are yet somewhat doubtful as to completion in time.

The Caligraph Business.

T. W. Hobron reports that he has disposed of his entire stock of caligraphs and that the demand still continues. He will receive a new consignment of machines in a few weeks. Mr. Hobron also exhibits a novelty in the shape of a desk made specially for type-writing machines. When not in use the type-writer disappears in the rear depths of the desk and an ordinary desk top takes its place. It must be seen to be appreciated.

The "Hawaiian Missing Link."

This is the name of a new weekly paper, issued every Saturday by Willie Clapper and a companion, at 25 cents per week. It is typewritten and covers two sheets of paper of the size ordinarily used in that process. The boys don't claim to fill any long-felt want or anything of that kind but simply wish to make money. The STAR wishes they may do so.

Lindsay-McDonald.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, on Tuesday, November 7th, by the Rev. Alexander Mackintosh, Adam, eldest son of Alexander Lindsay, Esq., of Molowai, Kailua, to Annie, eldest daughter of Lewis McDonald, Esq., of Inverkeithing, Fife, Scotland. The happy couple left for Kauai on the Mikahala.

Tea From Kona.

By the steamer W. G. Hall yesterday afternoon F. A. Schaefer & Co. received the first shipment of tea grown by the Kona C. & E. Tea Company. It consisted of twenty pounds only, and is cured and ready for use.

Waterpipe for Maui.

Foreman Keelen and eight men from the Rison Iron Works, who arrived on the Australia, left for Maui yesterday to lay three miles of water pipe for Claus Spreckels.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

The China took away 3178 letters and 1271 papers for the Coast.

Two Chinese were arrested this morning for fighting on the street.

This is the day that Mrs. Dominis told her friends she was to be "restored."

The rainfall last night, according to Dr. McKibbin's gauge, was 1.29 inches.

It is rumored that one of the leading commercial firms on the island of Maui is in financial difficulties.

Theophilus H. Davies called at the American Legation this morning and Sam Parker yesterday afternoon.

The quarterly meeting of the Stranger's Friend Society will be held at Y. M. C. A. parlors to-morrow at 6 o'clock A. M.

The native singers at the cyclorama have signed a contract to go to New York after their agreement with Mr. Thurston is ended.

Mr. Clifford of the STAR composing force has taken some elegant group photographs of Japanese who were at the quarantine station recently.

The Hawaiian band gave its weekly concert at the Executive building this morning instead of yesterday. The boys have been earning their money of late.

Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, a traveling lecturer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, who arrived on the Australia, will likely deliver some of her interesting talks during her visit.

The Hawaiian STAR Company have procured an electric motor which will be put in place in their new premises to-morrow. It is hoped to have the new office in running order by next Monday.

The meeting of the Hawaiian Rifle Association, which should have been held at the Arlington Hotel last Saturday at 7:30 P. M., was postponed until to-morrow night at the same time and place for want of a quorum.

Commissioner Marsden has a quantity of Sumatra tobacco seed for distribution. The seed was raised by him in the Government nurseries this year, and there is enough for everybody. The seeds are very minute, and when spread out on a paper look very much like brown snuff.

PERSONAL.

Dr. E. L. Hutchinson has gone to Hawaii on a business trip.

Photographer Williams is off again for another trip to the islands.

T. M. Datto and wife have gone to Hilo to reside.

John Hind, wife and son, have gone to the Hawi plantation, Kohala.

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Mrs. T. G. Thrum went over to Kauai yesterday on the Iwaleia.

General G. T. C. Hogge and a party of seven left on the Claudine yesterday for the Volcano.

Count and Countess Festetics will leave for Hilo in a day or two in their yacht. They will visit the Volcano.

Besides Admiral Skerrett and staff the only passengers by the China from this city were Mrs. P. Onfergelt, Harry Lewis and Sam Wilder.

Among the Mikahala's passengers for Kauai yesterday were C. von Hanno, Mrs. C. H. Bishop, Dr. More and wife, Mrs. M. Lindsay and Miss Maroni.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Burkett, who have recently returned from a visit to the States, have gone to their home in Kauai to resume their scholastic labors.

THE LATE YACHT RACE.

It Rouses Race Antagonisms in Cosmopolite New York.

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: I have the honor to remark that I don't see where your blasted Yankees and Irish-Americans (Irish first here, but not in England, thank God) find a basis for your blowing and crowing over the defeat of England in the recent yacht races.

The Valkyrie is owned by an Irish lord, whose family name is Quin, who has not a drop of English blood in his blood veins. It was designed by a Scotchman named Watson. These are representatives of the subordinate conquered races which go to make up the world-wide English Empire, composed of 350,000,000 of human beings. To look after all these human beings and keep them in their proper places leaves genuine Englishmen little time for frivolous yacht racing with upstart Yankee dudes. England still remains "cock of creation's walk."

A. E. HORNBY-SMYTHE.

Philadelphia, Oct. 17, 1893.

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: Mr. Horner Smythe's letter is so roughly characteristic of that class of common-place third-class Britishers, who, alas, are far more numerous than pleasant in this country. At home they maintain a discreet silence on every topic, and only say "yes, sir," and "no, sir," when their duties require it. But here their cheek ferds fat on tolerance. They annoy decent Scotchmen even more than the pig-smelling Irish.

If England hadn't consented to accept Scotch rulers at the time of the union, it is more than likely we would have crowded them off the island altogether. They never amounted to anything until we put them on their feet, and furnished them with the brains needed to run the country.

If Dunraven had succeeded, Mr. Smythe would never have discovered that he was Irish. He has been so long accustomed to trading in Scotch brains that he has come to regard them as his own.

H. C. BROWN-BROWN-JONES-JONES.

SMITH-SMITH (not SMYTHE).

NEW YORK, October 20th.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

HOW METCALFE PROPOSES TO WORK.

The Albert Arrives From the Coast—When Brewers' Wharf Will be Repaired.

Yesterday afternoon a small blast was let off in the coral rock about 150 fathoms to windward of the Miowera. The blast was put in for the purpose of making a hole for the flukes of the big five-ton anchor. The hole made was about four feet deep, into which the flukes of the anchor fell, and when a heavy strain was put on the chain the anchor was found to be securely imbedded. The blast was only a small one and did not affect the steamer in the least. The report that an officer on board was shaken from his berth was an error. This morning the tug towed the pile-driver out to where the big anchor rests, where it was intended to sink a couple of piles, one on each side of the anchor stock to aid in withstanding the strain. On the way out the water glass on the pile-driver's donkey engine broke, and there was a grand scattering of natives who, as always when a little steam escapes, believed that an explosion was coming and lost no time in getting under shelter. No piles were driven this morning as the water was too rough to admit of the bottom being seen, and it was impossible to tell where to drive them. Mr. Metcalfe's plan for floating the vessel was partially learned from a reliable source this morning, and is as follows: A sufficient strain is to be put on the chain leading to the big anchor to swing the steamer's bows around to seaward when, if possible, piles will be driven straight ahead and the big anchor moored again if necessary, when it is thought the steamer can be hauled off into the deep water to windward. It is thought this can be done without the aid of pontoons, but if not they will be used.

Thomas Lerner, a youthful sailor from the yacht Tolna, put in an appearance at the United States Consulate yesterday to complain of treatment received aboard the vessel. Tommie's pet kick was that he had been fed on bread and water. When seen on the street later, he admitted that his punishment was the result of back talk and a failure to obey the orders of the Countess, who, being captain, had a right to enforce discipline. The boy was told to return to the yacht and behave himself. He went back, but whether he will obey the latter command remains to be seen.

If it is true, as a morning contemporary states, that the China on her last trip made the run from San Francisco to Yokohama in 9 days, 4 hours and 17 minutes she would be by long odds the fastest vessel afloat, but it is not true. The run was made between Honolulu and Yokohama as stated in the STAR at the time of the arrival of the last mail.

The W. G. Hall picked up a buoy off Kaula harbor on her last trip which was brought to this port yesterday. The buoy was thickly coated with marine growth and must have been drifting around a long time.

The barkentine Albert, Captain Griffith, arrived about noon to-day from San Francisco. The Albert was fourteen days making the passage, and experienced fine weather during the whole run.

The work of repairing Brewer's wharf will probably be finished by the time the coral reef grows enough to require blasting again, to judge by the progress made thus far by the native workmen.

The engines of the steamer Mikahala underwent a satisfactory test yesterday afternoon.

The Kikikat is expected to sail for Puget Sound early next week.

The steamer C. R. Bishop sails for the usual ports at 4 P. M.

The S. C. Allen is discharging her cargo at Brewer's wharf.

WEEDS—DAY, NOVEMBER 8.

DIAMOND HEAD, 3 P. M. — Weather clear. Wind fresh, N. E.

ARRIVALS.

WEDNESDAY, November 8.

Am bk Albert, Griffiths, from San Francisco. Steamer J. A. Cummings, Nelson, from Kaula.

DEPARTURES.

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Steamer W. G. Hall, Sincera, for Maui and Hawaii, Friday at 10 A. M.

O. S. S. Australia, Houdette, for San Francisco on Saturday at 12 o'clock noon.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

Steamer W. G. Hall, Sincera, for Maui and Hawaii, Friday at 10 A. M.

O. S. S. Australia, Houdette, for San Francisco on Saturday at 12 o'clock noon.

VESSELS IN PORT.

NAVAL VESSELS.

U. S. S. Adams, Nelson, San Francisco. U. S. S. Philadelphia, Baker, Callao, S. C. HANSEN.

Ger bk J. C. Flager, Bremen.

Am sch Transatlantic, Jungs, San Francisco.

Am sch Robert Lewis, Goodman, Port Gibb.

Nor sh Beacomfield, Bastin, Newcastle.

Haw bk R. P. Ribbet, Morrison, San Francisco.

Am lgt W. G. Irwin, Nelson, San Francisco.

Vacht Tolna, Tolna, San Francisco.

Am bk Mailila, Stevenson, Nantahala, B. C.

Am sch S. C. Holmes, Johnson, Port Townsend.

Am bk Kikikat, Port Gambel.

Am bk S. C. Allen, Thompson, San Francisco.

IMPORTS AND CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer W. G. Hall—400 bags sugar, 107 lbs coffee, 240 sacks wheat, 20 barrels horse, 20 head cattle, 2 horses, 50 pigs and 75 pigs sundries.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

From Maui & Hawaii, per steamer W. G. Hall, Nov. 7.—From the Volcano: Dr. Herz, From Way ports: E. W. Fuller, Rev. E. Lewis, R. Gallenier, H. K. Parnelle, J. Mort Out, Mrs. A. A. Haelele, Mrs. J. Monarrat and servant, M. Monarrat, Y. Amoy, J. Makainai, Mrs. S. Nowlein and servant, Isaac Sherwood, wife and 2 children, Miss B. Cornwell, G. McLean, Miss Kaeo, Miss E. Benish and 45 on deck.

DEPARTURES.

For Kauai, per steamer Iwaleia, Nov. 7.—Mrs. T. G. Thrum, Mrs. Blackstad, 2 Chinese and 10 on deck.

For Kauai, per steamer Mikahala, Nov. 7.—J. K. Burkett and wife, C. Von Hanno, Mr. Canniga, Mrs. C. H. Bishop, Dr. More and wife, Miss Maroni, Mrs. M. Lindsay, Adam Lindsay and bride, and 25 on deck.

From Maui and Hawaii, per steamer Claudine, Nov. 7.—For the Volcano: W. Steigewald, I. Friedlander, Dr. Kroecker, B. Weidling, Gen. G. T. Hogge, Mr. Broomhead, A. D. Shepherd.

For Way ports: J. A. Scott and wife, A. More and family, Capt. W. Mason and wife, H. Kenyon, F. Northrup, J. Hind, wife and son, Bert Schoen, Mr. Keelen, T. M. Datto and wife, Mrs. J. K. Joseph, Mrs. H. Kolomoku and 3 children, Wm. Toomey, Dr. E. L. Hutchinson, wife and child, F. A. Dias, Rev. S. L. Desha, J. S. McCandless, Jno. Anderson, J. J. Williams, F. L. Stolz and wife, W. M. Ryan, Jos. Courtney, Jas. Cavanaugh, A. Shields, W. Doyle, T. Sheridan, T. Neeloe, E. McKenzie and 30 on deck.

FOREIGN VESSELS EXPECTED.

Am bk Martha Davis, Boston, Aug 18.

Am bk Villata, Liverpool, Aug 19.

Am brig Consuelo, San Francisco, Oct 19.

Am bk J. D. Spreckels, S. F., Oct 27.

Haw sch J. G. North, San Francisco, Oct 27.

Am sch Allen A. Eureka, Oct 27.

Am sch Glendale, Eureka, Oct 27.

Am sch Anna, San